

MAY 22, 1862

RICHMOND WHIG.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 22, 1862.

Destruction of Cotton.—The patriotic work of destroying the staple, in order to prevent it from falling into the hands of the enemy, is still going on with unabated unreasness. The Vicksburg Citizen learns that on Sunday, the 11th instant, twenty thousand bales were committed to the flames between that city and Greenville. Some six thousand bales have been destroyed between those and Grand Gulf. Judge Perkins, alone, consigned 1300 bales to the flames. The Whig says:—

"We learn that cotton all along the river, as high as Nipolk, is being burned. Between here and New Orleans the flames have devoured it. A garrison who came down the river yesterday in a skiff from Napoleon, informs us that the river was almost one mass of burning cotton. The cotton from Napoleon down has all been burned. He also says it was reported that a few planters who handled their cotton took and hid it in the case, had been impeached."

A planter informs us that he saw the negroes on a plantation above this city shot trees when the cotton was being fired. It is very hard to destroy the labor of a whole year, but it is necessary that cannot be helped. There will, no doubt, be a quarter of a million of bales torched by the ship along the river, from the mouth to the head of the Mississippi and tributaries, worth twelve million dollars at ordinary prices."

Revolutionary Return.—We see an interesting relic of the early part of our time. Revolution was exhibited to us yesterday, in the shape of a certificate of five dollars, issued by the state of Georgia. It is printed on a square piece of paper, of very inferior quality, about three inches each side, and nicely bordered. It reads as follows:—

"No. 1. This Certificate, for the sum of

"\$5.00, to the Hon. W. H. Sibley, Auditor,

"is given to him, for his services in the cause of

"the Southern Confederacy, in the year 1861,

"and is to be paid to him, on demand, or at any time,

"by the State of Georgia, or by any bank or cashier in the state, or by any other person authorized by the state to pay out money."

This certificate is now in the possession of the lady of

Mr. Alexander Murray, of Petersburg, in whose family it has been kept since its original purchase by one of his patriotic ancestors, and derives increased interest from the fact that, as its author indicates, it was the first act

under the Act of Assembly.

The Yankee Officers.—The Petersburg Express

learns that the number of Yankee gunboats now lying in James river, off City Point, is eight. They keep well

out in the stream, nearly two miles from the shore, and

but little can be discovered of their operations.

They were greatly exasperated at the capture and killing of several of their men Monday afternoon, and gave vent

to their wrath by projecting some overboard into the

water, and so did we, and so did they.

As the regular navy vessels went up the right and remained there, but how drear it was with the sun behind them, and the moon in Fort Jackson outlined, spiced

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